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No further action was taken in the direction of the demolition of plague-infected huts, this measure having been abandoned. In the absence of any arrangements for rehousing the dislodged population demolitions aggravated the evils of overcrowding in the vicinity of operations.

A satisfactory feature of the year's work was the far larger percentage of living cases ascertained. Action was also taken to register deaths occurring outside of Calcutta, the corporation contributing to the pay of registrars at the neighboring burning ghats and burial grounds. Attention is drawn to the number of corpses brought to the Calcutta burning ghats from outside the city and indicates that the mortality from plague in the suburban municipalities is greatly underestimated.

The statistics of the year's work confirm the facts previously reported in regard to the small number of houses in which plague infection recurs. Even in the case of houses where more than one death occurred the infections were generally simultaneous. It is noteworthy also that the mortality in kutchah huts was about double that in masonry houses, where most of the cases occurred on the ground floor. The reason may possibly be that infection is more easily carried on mud floors than on masonry plinths, which can be more thoroly cleansed.

Little success was attained in the crusade against rats, altho various methods of destruction were employed. Little progress was also made with inoculations, which are still unpopular. The question whether it is possible to pass by-laws under the municipal act to compel owners of grain godowns to make them rat proof has been referred to the advocate-general for his opinion.

#### ITALY.

#### *Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Italy.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, September 22 and 24, as follows:

Week ended September 22, 1906. The following ships were inspected at Naples, Messina, and Palermo:

#### NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and past.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and past.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 17	Italia .....	New York .....	497	25	750
19	Canopic .....	Boston .....	1,193	170	1,550
21	Calabria .....	New York .....	891	75	980
21	Prinzess Irene .....	do .....	1,229	210	1,650
22	Myrtledene .....	do .....			
22	Sicilia .....	do .....	757	170	1,100

#### MESSINA.

Sept. 18	Italia .....	New York .....	167	60	168
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#### PALERMO.

Sept. 18	Gallia .....	New York .....	382	550	190
19	Italia .....	do .....	511	903	453
22	Calabria .....	do .....	252	489	129

*Rejections recommended.*

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Tra-choma.	Favus.	Sus-pected tra-choma.	Sus-pected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Sept. 17	Italia .....	37	2	21	1	4	65
19	Canopic .....	33	4	24	1	8	70
21	Calabria .....	27	5	37	1	7	77
21	Prinzess Irene.....	27	1	35	1	6	70
22	Myrtledene.....						
22	Sicilia .....	17	2	27		13	59
	Total .....	141	14	144	4	38	341

## MESSINA.

Sept. 18	Italia .....	15					15
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## PALERMO.

Sept. 18	Gallia .....	36		80		5	121
19	Italia .....	44		100		10	154
22	Calabria.....	25		30		6	61
	Total .....	105		210		21	336

*Smallpox.*—Week ended September 27, 1906. Two cases at Gorgoglione and 1 case at Venosa (Potenza).

## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama*—*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports as follows:

Number of emigrants per steamship *Kaga Maru* recommended, September 6, 1906, for rejection: For Seattle, 15.

Per steamship *Nippon Maru*, September 15, 1906: For Honolulu, 13; for San Francisco, 4.

Per steamship *Tosa Maru*, September 19, 1906: For Seattle, 22.

Per steamship *Minnesota*, September 20, 1906: For Seattle, 1.

*Report from Nagasaki*—*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports as follows:

September 8, 1906. Number of emigrants recommended for rejection, 76.

## NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields, fruit port*—*Smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended October 4, 1906. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected; one new case smallpox discovered during the week. Passengers vaccinated within the week, 4.

Bill of health was issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 4	Corinto .....	New Orleans ....	23	4	0